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State's Hog & Pig Inventory Down 20,000 Head from June

HARRISBURG, PA, Sept 27, 2010 -- According to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), there were 1,130,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on September 1, 2010. This estimated inventory was 20,000 head less than the June 1 inventory of 1,150,000, but 10,000 head more than a year ago.

Market hog inventory, at 1,025,000 head, declined 25,000 head from June, and was down 5,000 head from September 2009; while the breeding herd inventory, at 105,000 head, was up 5,000 head from June, and was up 15,000 head from one year ago. The June-August 2010 pig crop totaled 475,000 head, up 55,000 head, or 13 percent, from the same period a year ago. There were 50,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 8,000 more than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47.6 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 9.5 pigs saved per litter, down from 9.8 pigs per litter the previous quarter, and down from the 10.0 pigs per litter average from a year ago.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 49,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2010 quarter, 3,000 more than actually farrowed for the same period in 2009; and intend to have 50,000 sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, 3,000 more than actually farrowed December 2009-February 2010 quarter.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2010, was 65.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from September 1, 2009, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.77 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2010 U.S. pig crop, at 28.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2009 and down 3 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, down 2 percent from 2009, and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.81 for the June-August 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the March-May 2010 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2010 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009, and down 5 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for December 2010-February 2011, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from 2010, but down 4 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 43 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 46 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs – Sept 1, 2010, Comparisons to Previous Year by Percent

Item	PA (percent)	US (percent)
All hogs and pigs, Sept 1	101.0	97.0
Breeding Herd	117.0	98.0
Market Hogs	100.0	97.0
Jun-Aug Pig Crop	113.0	99.0
Jun-Aug Pigs per Litter	95.0	101.0
Jun-Aug Farrowings	119.0	98.0
Sep-Nov Farrowing Intentions	107.0	99.0
Dec-Feb Farrowing Intentions	106.0	100.0

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